



Newsletter

18th March 2025

Upcoming Events Dates & Reminders

March 21: Cultural Day
March 28: Awa / River trips
April 1-2: Learning
Conferences (1pm finish on
April 1st).

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Tēnā koutou, Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Namaste, Kia Orana, Bula

Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā mihi ki te whānau o te kura o Solway`

Ma te Atua koe e manaaki me to whanau i tenei Arangi



Swimming : End of the Season. Our new solar cover has certainly lifted the water temperature by a couple of degrees but as is tradition, Boat day signals the end of the swimming season. Some seniors will be given the option of continuing for a few more days if the weather cooperates but for most students swimming has now ended until late November.

SOLWAY CULTURAL DAY - This Friday we are asking all students to come in an outfit associated with a culture. This may be their own traditional outfit, sporting attire of a particular nation or Kiwiana associated with New Zealand. The Rangitumau students will be having a shared lunch and the Tararua team are asked to bring particular ingredients for Tacos. A school parade will be held at 9:15am on the courts, whanau are welcome to join us. It should be over by 9:30am

Morning drop off times : At Solway, we understand that mornings can be busy, and we want to support our families by allowing children to be dropped off at school from **8:00 am onwards**. Unlike some schools that keep their gates closed until just before the bell, we welcome students onto the school grounds early. However, **please note that teachers are not responsible for supervision until 8:55 am**, when the school day officially begins. While students are welcome to be on-site before this time, they **will not be actively supervised**. We encourage families to consider this when deciding on drop-off times, especially for younger children. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us create a safe and supportive environment for all students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Out of Zone Ballot Solway School is pleased to be able to offer a limited number of Out of Zone enrolments in 2025. If you have friends or family with 4 year olds then spread the word. We have just 15 places for new entrants students who turn five in 2025 or term one of 2026. Applications are available from the school office.

LEARNING CONFERENCES: *April 1 & 2nd, 1pm early finish on Tuesday April 1st.* We have Learning Conferences on Tuesday April 1 from 1:20pm to 5:30pm & Wednesday April 2nd from 3:20pm to 5pm. School will finish early at 1pm on Tuesday, emergency supervision will be provided until 3pm for those with no alternatives. The buses will run at 3pm or later as per usual.

FIREWOOD RAFFLE : Time to stock up for winter. \$2 per ticket for over 2 cubic meters of pine donated by Richard Southey. More forms are available at the office. Proceeds going to Year 6 camp, thank you for your support.



Huge thanks to the **National Corvette Club**, the Koha to Saturday mornings show raised \$477.70 for Solway Primary Lego. Funds are still to come from a charity Auction and Raffle. We really appreciated all who attended and the organisers Brian and Jane for including our school.

Ngā mihi **Mark Bridges (Principal)**

Local River Trip

On **Friday 28th March** the whole school will visit their local 'house group' awa (river). Each house group will go to their house river, with staff and explore the river for the morning.

The cost of this trip to cover the buses is **\$5 per child**.

Please send along **\$5** to the school office as soon as possible.

Children can wear sensible walking shoes and clothes that are their house colours on that day. Your child's teacher can let you know the house group your child is in if they are unsure.

We will be learning the pūrākau (stories) of these rivers.

Any questions please email hannah@solway.school.nz

Waipoua River - blue

Waiawangawanga River - Red

Ruamahanga River - Yellow

Waiohine River - Green



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These must be received by 4pm Thursday March 27th.

Ballot Day if required is Monday March 31st.

Lost Property

Size 16 sweatshirt, named, G Yaxley.

Movin' March

This started last week. Come to school by walking, riding, scootering or by school bus. Fill in the passport (at school) for each trip and go in the draw for prizes



Solway School 2025 Dates

Term 1 February 3rd to April 11th

Waitangi Day Feb 6th

Term 2 April 28th to June 27th

King's Birthday June 2nd, Combined schools teacher only day June 3rd, Matariki June 20th

Term 3 July 14th to September 19th

Term 4 October 6th to December 16th

Teacher only day October 24th, Labour day October 27th

Girls Smash Cricket Festival

This has been changed. It is now being played at Solway on the 25th March. This is because it was the first 20 teams to enter. We have 5 teams and couldn't enter them all. I talked with Melissa Hansen, who I used to teach at Wairarapa College, and she has agreed to set up the same thing at Solway for our 5 teams. They will still get the tee-shirt and the same experience, but without the bus trip. The downside is that they won't get to play against people from other schools.

Mr Veale will organise teams shortly.

Masterton Swimming Sports



Absent: Felix Reynolds and Luka Lissington

Issy Hopman: Backstroke and Freestyle
Mila Duckett: Backstroke and Freestyle
Luka Lissington: Freestyle
Annie le Roux: Backstroke
Saskia Hopman: Freestyle
Felix Reynolds: Backstroke and Breaststroke

Renley Rhienhardt: Freestyle
Grayson Vollebregt: Backstroke and Freestyle
Manaaki Harwood: Backstroke
Liam Ryan: Backstroke
Luke Hamblyn: Backstroke
Fox Grant: Freestyle
Malakai Soromon: Backstroke and Freestyle

Pita-Pit Lunches

Good news for our Solway children returning and new families to Solway, Pita Pit lunches are up and running on Friday's each week.

For our new families: It's simple; all you need to do is register at www.lunchonline.co.nz

1 Register an account

2 Add member/s using your child's name & classroom

3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before ordering

4 Select your lunch and place an order

Orders can be placed right up until 8.30 on the day the lunches are available. Any problems/queries with set-up please see Selina in the office. We have found the lunches healthy & enjoyed by the children with quite a few options available.

IMPORTANT: Can families with existing accounts for children, please make sure you update the classroom for your child/ren if applicable as it saves many tears on a Friday!!

Rangitumau Team - Cultural day celebrations

Celebrating Cultures

Rangitumau Team

Dress:
Wear something that represents your culture.
We will have a 9:15am parade on the court.
Parents are welcome!

Food:
Please send a plate of food/kai, that represents your culture, to school.
We will be having a shared lunch - getting a taste of a different culture!

Dance:
Classes in the Rangitumau team will learn a traditional dance.

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Tararua Team - Cultural day celebrations

Celebrating Cultures

Tararua Team

Dress:
Wear something that represents your culture.
We will have a 9:15am parade on the court.

Food:
The Tararua Team is having a Mexican Taco Boat Lunch! We will provide the mince. Can students please bring the fillings they'd like, e.g. lettuce, tomato, avocado etc.

Tararua Rotations:
Classes in the Tararua team will rotate around our classes to study different cultural topics.

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Masterton GirlGuiding, Brownies, currently has space to take more girls aged 7-9.5 yrs keen to join in on the fun that GirlGuiding NZ has to offer.

We offer a non-competitive learning environment that is open-minded and values-based. It's a supportive place to grow confident, adventurous girls who are ready to be tomorrow's leaders. We offer a programme where the girls themselves have a say in the activities they get to participate in and offer experiences like camps, crafts, and real-life experiences, rewarding them with badges as they learn new skills.

To register your interest and find out more about our rewarding programme, complete the form found here: [Register Your Interest - GirlGuiding New Zealand - You be the Guide!](#)



Raffle forms sent home Monday 24th February.

More forms are available at the office.

Thank you for your support!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Pōhutukawa: Ngatokorua! Your kindness, caring nature, and willingness to help and welcome others truly shine. Keep being the amazing friend that you are!

Kānuka: Thomas, you show Pono in everything you do. You always include everyone in games, show integrity in your actions, and are honest and true to yourself. Keep up the amazing work. Ka rawe.

Rimu: Sophia Deo! You are always working hard to do your best and do the right thing. You are a great role model in Rimu showing Manaakitanga!

Harakeke: Louie, you always try your best at school. You show Manaakitanga by being responsible in the playground and in the classroom. You love learning!

Tītoki: Louie Steinemann for being an enthusiastic and inquisitive learner. Louie is always keen to learn more; during class discussions he carefully considers what has been said and then asks interesting questions about the topic. Ka mau te wehi, Louie!

Kōwhai: Jackson has been very focused during our writing session. He can recall so many facts about China. Tino pai - keep up the awesome work Jackson!

Tōtara: Rio - for showing Manawanui with Boat Day, as you worked with Harakeke and pulled off all we needed to manage, with a good deal of tolerance and patience.

Matai: Evie has shown Manawanui recently. She took a while to settle into Matai, but she is thriving now. Evie is learning quickly, taking on challenges, and enjoying herself. I'm proud of the improvements that Evie has made. Awesome effort Evie and whanau.

Mānuka: Paisley - for demonstrating Manaakitanga: being an awesome buddy on Boat Day with our Rimu buddies.

Rata: Hunter - for showing Manawanui in his writing this week, using an awesome hook and amazing vocabulary in your writing.



WAIARAPA
BALLOON Festival
EASTER 2025

FAMILY CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 19 APRIL

5 hours of action-packed entertainment for the whole family. Plus live music, food trucks and much more.

TICKETS AND DETAILS
www.nzballoons.co.nz



- Air balloon walk-throughs
- Live music
- Bouncy Castles
- Face Painting Zone
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Selection of market stalls
- The magical night balloon performance - lit up to music
- Delicious food and beverage options from Street Food vendors
- An unforgettable experience

Gates Open 3pm. Entertainment starts at 3pm

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www.nzballoons.co.nz
Discount Family Tickets available




Masterton redstar

Jab registrations

Colombo rd clubrooms

Saturday 29th March 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Free sausage sizzle

Training jerseys for sale \$10 dollars

Subs \$20

JOIN US!

Wairarapa Kids Choir

WHAT: A CHOIR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7 AND UP WHO LOVE TO SING

WHERE: CARTERTON COURT HOUSE

WHEN: FRIDAYS 3:50-4:50

CONTACT: JILLBEBBINGTON@WISE.NET.NZ

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

WE WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS WHO WISH TO JOIN OUR CLUB FOR THE 2025 SEASON!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.DOUGLASSVILLA.AFC.CO.NZ

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RATHKEALE COLLEGE
Wairarapa

Open Day

Friday 21st March
8.30am-12.30pm

Register Now

rathkeale.school.nz

Quiz - Sip - Repeat

REALLY TO PLAY?

11 APRIL-7PM

COBBLESTONES MUSEUM

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION

Register - cobblestonesmuseumgreytown@gmail.com or by phone - 0211606088

VENUE - GREYTOWN RUGBY CLUBROOMS
TEAMS OF 6 - \$120 A TABLE

Tickle Your Brain

Get a team together for a fabulous night of brain teasers, fun and bloopers. There's a cash bar, nibbles are provided and the laughs will keep coming as you nut out the answers.

Experienced or novice doesn't matter. Fun is the name of the game.

Mystery envelopes, Raffle and Auction for added spice.
Support Cobblestones to preserve our heritage buildings.

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Swim Tangaroa Newsletter

Term 1 2025

Welcome back to 2025! We've had a great start to the term with lots of swimmers moving up classes and diving into new challenges. We're looking forward to another fantastic year!

HAPPY EASTER

All Debit Success (direct debit) customers are automatically rolled over into each term, any class changes will be emailed.

If you do not wish to continue swim lessons in term 2, you must complete and return and cancellation of membership form to stop your payments.

Fast Track:
Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April 2025.
Bookings are available now, please email Jess at jmilburn@belgravialeisure.co.nz or grab a form at our reception to book in. This term there will 4x30 minute lessons for \$52.00.

You can enrol your child by downloading the Active World app and using the code TRUST_HOUSE or by completing and returning a swim school enrolment form.
Active World app: Active World on Googleplay and App Store

Contact us:
Trust House Recreation Centre, 2 Dixon Street, Masterton.
06 370 0060 www.trusthouserecreationcentre.co.nz
email: thousereception@belgravialeisure.co.nz

Notice to Parents and Students

Safe Parking for School Pick-Up and Drop-Off

When picking up or dropping off your children at school, please prioritise safety by choosing legal and safe parking options. While it might seem convenient to park "just for a minute," illegal parking can obscure visibility and endanger our tamariki.

Safer School Runs

Your parking and driving choices significantly impact the safety of children arriving at or leaving school. Good visibility is crucial for both drivers and children. Parking restrictions near schools exist to protect our tamariki. Illegal parking can result in fines:

- On broken yellow lines: **\$100**
- Within 6 meters of a pedestrian crossing or intersection: **\$100**
- On the footpath: **\$70**
- Over or within 1 meter of a vehicle entrance: **\$70**
- Within 50cm of a fire hydrant without someone capable of moving the car: **\$70**
- Closer than 6 meters to a bus stop or on a marked bus stop: **\$70**
- On roadside grass, shrubs, or flower beds: **\$70**
- Double parked: **\$100**
- In an area reserved for disabled persons: **\$750**

As we begin the new year, let's focus on fostering a safe and efficient environment by establishing good parking practices during school pick-up and drop-off times. By working together, we can ensure the safety of your children and all road users, creating a positive start to the year for everyone involved.

Alternative Pick-Up and Drop-Off Points

To ease congestion, consider using alternative pick-up and drop-off points near your Kura. This may mean either walking to the school gate to meet your child or giving them the chance to walk a block or two to you. Children can also walk in groups to create a "safety in numbers" approach.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

Holly Hullena
Wairarapa Road Safety Council

For more details on safe road practices, visit: www.wairsc.org.nz

*For a full list of council parking fees and infringements, search:
[Masterton District Council Parking Fees]*

